

## **REMARKS**

### **I. Acknowledgment of Election**

Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging Applicants' election of Group 1, Claims 1-28 and 35-44.

### **II. Sequence Rules**

Applicants include herewith sequence disclosure believed to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825.

### **III. Claim Rejections §103**

For the purposes of expediting prosecution, Applicants have amended canceled claims 22-26, and claims 41-44. Applicants reserve the right to pursue subject matter in these claims in a Continuation application.

### **IV. Claim Objections under 37 CFR 1.75**

The Examiner objected to claims 38-40 as being substantial duplicates of other claims in Applicants' Application. The Examiner then cites claims 25-37 as the claims to which 38-40 are substantial duplicates. Applicants respectfully assert that the Examiner intended to mean claims 35-37, rather than 25-37. Proceeding given this assumption, Applicants have canceled claims 38-40.

### **V. Allowable claims**

Applicants thank the Examiner for his efforts on this case, and are pleased that claims 1-21, 27-28, and 35-37 are allowable.

### **VI. Conclusion**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application and the timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance. In the event that the Examiner does not find the

claims allowable, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (650) 554-3392 to set up an interview.

**FEE AUTHORIZATION**

If any fees not submitted with this response are required, please charge such fees from Applied Biosystems Deposit Account No. 01-2213 (**Order No. 4987**)

Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 13, 2006

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Scott R. Bortner, Reg. No. 34,298  
Attorney for Applicants

**Correspondence Address**

Customer No. 22896  
Applera Corporation  
Applied Biosystems Group  
850 Lincoln Centre Drive  
M/S 432-2  
Foster City, CA 94404  
Tel: 650-638-6245  
Fax: 650-638-6677